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In the claims:

Cancel claims 1-16.

Insert the following new claims 21-36:

21. (New) A method for receiving e-mail, said e-mail including a header and a message body, comprising the steps of:
- separating said header from said message body;
 - storing said message body in a message body field;
 - separating information contained in said header, and storing said separated information into a plurality of header information fields; and
 - linking a first of said plurality of header information fields with a second of said plurality of header information fields and with either a third of said plurality of header information fields or said message body field by creating